# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
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Infrastructure Development in Border Areas
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the expanding military advancement and infrastructure development by China close to the border areas of the country including Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the development of infrastructure, particularly road and rail connectivity in border areas of the country, is adequate for faster mobility of troops and weapon systems in forward areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether various strategic roads had been identified for construction almost two decades ago and if so, the number of strategic roads constructed so far along with the reasons for delay in constructing all such roads;

(d) whether non-completion / faulty specifications of works on constructed roads have a serious bearing on the operational capability of the armed forces and for operating specialised vehicles / equipment in strategically sensitive areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto along with the steps taken to develop infrastructure including the strategic roads on priority basis?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)
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(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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